

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) ~~The A composition according to claim 14, for coating medicines, animal drugs, agricultural chemicals, fertilizers or foods consisting of:~~

~~_____ a copolymer of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1,~~

~~_____ wherein:~~

~~_____ the polymerizable vinyl monomer comprises acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer, and~~

~~_____ the weight ratio of the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500, the methyl methacrylate and the acrylic acid the polymerizable vinyl monomer in the copolymer is 60 to 90: 7 to 38: 0.5 to 12, and the polymerizable vinyl monomer comprises acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate.~~

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) A composition for coating medicines, animal drugs, agricultural chemicals, fertilizers or foods, ~~comprising~~ consisting of:

a copolymer of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1,

wherein the polymerizable vinyl monomer comprises acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer, ~~and~~

~~_____ a suitable carrier.~~

15. (Previously presented) A medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or a food, which is coated with the coating composition according to claim 14.

16. (Currently amended) A binder for a medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or a food, ~~comprising~~ consisting of:

a copolymer of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1,

wherein the polymerizable vinyl monomer comprises acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer, ~~and~~
~~— a suitable carrier.~~

17-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 14, wherein it is for coating medicines.

22. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 14, wherein the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol has a hydrolyzation degree of 60 to 100 mole%.

23-27. (Cancelled)